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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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 - i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
 - ii. ☒ Other Enter Amendment filed December 9, 2008.
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☐ Amendment/Reply
 - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iv. ☒ Other Preliminary Amendment
2. Miscellaneous
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(e) for a period of __ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(f) required)
 - b. ☐ Other
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, or credit any overpayments, to
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 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) This is a Petition for a -month extension of time.
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 - iii. ☐ Other
 - c. ☒ Payment by credit card (\$810 for RCE)

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